

all of these activities has to do it with the intent to place the person in reasonable fear of death or serious bodily injury. It says intent, all the person has to do is say, that was not my intent, I didn't intend to hurt this person, I just followed 'em, I sat outside their house, none of that constitutes a threat. In other words the types of things that were given as a justification for this legislation will not be touched by it, will not be touched by it. If the woman, and it's usually a woman that this happens to, although they say sometimes men have been victimized in the same way, and if you saw "Fatal Attraction", and that were to be something that usually or regularly happens, then it wasn't until maybe the last scene where he drowned her in a bath tub or something...well, anyway she was going to commit some kind of act that could have been serious bodily harm to somebody, then...then stalking would come into play. But anything short of that and this bill will not touch it. So let's say the person hounds the woman. That's not stalking. Let's say he calls her on the phone and says obscene things to her, over and over and over. That's not stalking. If there is not a credible threat of serious bodily injury, and then in another place, as Senator Beutler said, this...this other term about the serio...great bodily harm, or a threat to the person's life, if that's not included in what's done, this bill does not apply. So if you want to enact it, and one reason that Senator Beutler had not said anything, that I was not going to say anything was to give people what they think they want and let them have the answer to their prayer. And then when they utter that prayer, find out that there's no answer because nothing can be done under this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Nothing, nothing. I would like somebody who favors this bill to describe again for us some of the types of conduct that they wanted this bill to address. And if it does not include a credible threat of serious bodily injury, whatever that is, or a threat against the person's life that is likely to be carried out, and not just saying I'm going to kill you, that's not enough. It has to be a credible or believable threat. And it has to be done with the intent, on the part of the person doing it, to put that person in fear. It doesn't say a threat that a reasonable person would take to cause fear. Think about what the language actually says, and I'm prepared to hear the defenses of the bill.